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HIS MAIESTIES

Moſt earneſt and ſincere deſire for

PEACE.

Expreſſed in two moſt gracious Meſſages to the Lords and Commons of PARLIAMENT.

The firſt from *Eveſham*, IULY 4. 1644.

AND,

The ſecond from *Taveſtock*, Sept. 8. 1644.

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TO THE
LORDS and COMMONS
of Parliament Aſſembled at
WESTMINSTER.

CHARLES R.

WE being deeply ſenſible of the miſeries and calamities of this Our Kingdom, and of the grievous ſufferings of Our poor Subjects, do moſt earneſtly deſire that ſome expedient may be found out, which by the bleſsing of God, may prevent the further effuſion of blood, and reſtore the Nation to Peace, from the earneſt and conſtant endeavouring of which, as no diſcouragement given Us on the contrary part ſhall make Us ceaſe, ſo no ſucceſſe on Ours ſhall ever divert Us. For the effecting whereof We are moſt ready and willing to condeſcend to all that ſhall be for the good of Us and Our People,

whether by way of confirmation of what We have already granted, or of ſuch further conceſsion as ſhall be requiſite to the giving a full Aſſurance of the Performance of all Our moſt reall Profeſsions, concerning the maintenance of the true Reformed Proteſtant Religion eſtabliſhed in this Kingdom, with due regard to the eaſe of tender conſciences, the juſt Priviledges of Parliament, and the Liberty and Property of the Subject, according to the Lawes of the Land; As alſo by granting a generall Pardon without or with exceptions, as ſhall be thought fit. In order to which bleſſed Peace, We do deſire and propound to the Lords and Commons of Parliament aſſembled at *Weſtminſter*, That they appoynt ſuch, and ſo many Perſons as they ſhall think fit ſufficiently authorized by them to attend Us at Our Army, upon ſafe conduct to come and returne (which we doe hereby grant) and conclude with Us, how the Premiſſes and all other things in queſtion betwixt Us and them, may be fully ſetled; whereby all unhappy miſtakings betwixt Us and Our People being removed

removed, there may be a present Cessation of Armes, and, as soon as may be, a totall disbanding of all Armies, the Subject have his due, and We be restored to our Rights. Wherein if this Our offer shall be accepted, there shall be nothing wanting on Our part, which may make Our people secure and happy.

Given at Our Court at EVESHAM *the 4. of* July, 1644.

TO THE
LORDS and COMMONS
of Parliament Assembled at
WESTMINSTER.

CHARLES R.

IT having pleased God in so eminent a manner, lately to blesse Our Armies in these Parts with successe, We do not so much joy in that blessing for any other consideration, as for the hopes We have that it may be a meanes to make others lay to heart, as We do, the miseries brought and continued upon Our Kingdom by this unnaturall War, and that it may open your eares, and dispose your mindes, to embrace those offers of Peace and Reconciliation, which have been so often, & so earnestly made unto you by Us, & from the constant and fervent endevours, of which We are resolved never to desist. In Pursuance whereof

whereof, We do, upon this occaſion conjure you to take into conſideration Our (too long neglected) Meſſage of the fourth of *July* from *Eveſham*, which We again renue unto you. And that you will ſpeedily ſend Us ſuch an Anſwer thereunto, as may ſhew unto Our poor Subjects, ſome light of a deliverance from their preſent calamities by a happy Accommodation, toward which We do here engage the Word of a King, to make good all thoſe things which We have therein promiſed, and really to endeavour a happy concluſion of this Treaty. And ſo God direct you in the wayes of Peace.

Given at Our Court at TAVESTOCK *the* 8. *of* Septemb. 1644.

FINIS.